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## APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Madam:

Pursuant to MPEP § 713.04, Applicants submit the following summary of the telephonic interview with the Examiner initiated on September 15, 2004:

**Brief description of the nature of any exhibits shown or any demonstration conducted:** None.

**Identification of the claims discussed:** 1-22, 23-27, 33-37 and 43 were discussed.

**Identification of specific prior art discussed:** "Texaco E&P Center Allows Visual Probe Of 3D Data Volumes," June 1, 1998, pp. 46-47, *Oil & Gas Journal*; United States Patent No. 5,734,384, *Yanof*; United States Patent No. 4,984,157, *Cline*; and WO 00/14574 (*Norsk Hydro ASA*).

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**Identification of principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed:**  
None.

**The general thrust of the principal arguments of Applicants and Examiner during the interview:** Applicants' representative reiterated the arguments presented in the Supplemental Response filed on August 11, 2004, clearly illustrating the absence for any motivation to combine the *Oil & Gas Journal*, *Yanof* and/or *Cline* references in the manner proposed by the Examiner with respect to claims 1-22. Applicants' representative also reiterated the arguments presented in their Supplemental Response indicating that the limitations found in independent claims 23 and 34 pertaining to interpolating between two spline curves to form a surface are clearly absent from the WO 0014574 reference. The Examiner, however, merely reiterated the position taken in the Office Action dated August 24, 2004.

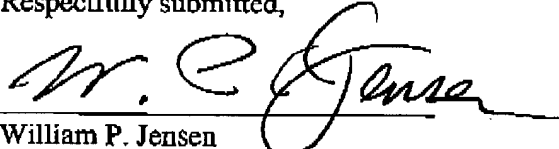
**General indication of any other pertinent matters discussed:** None.

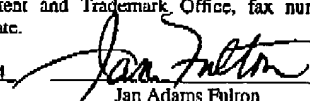
**General results or outcome of the interview:** The Examiner and Applicants' representative did not reach an agreement regarding the allowability of any of the claims discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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